

SENATE BILL 926  
By Crowe

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section  
68-29-117, relative to medical laboratory  
personnel.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-29-117, is amended by deleting subsection (d) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(d)

(1) The board may issue to an applicant a temporary license for a license as a medical technician, medical technologist or special analyst who has successfully completed the academic course work, clinical training, and all board designated requirements for the license sought, and who is scheduled to take the next available board approved examination.

(2) The temporary license shall be valid for six (6) months from the date it is issued. If an applicant passes the examination and the board's action on a timely filed application for licensure extends beyond the expiration date of the temporary license the temporary license shall remain in effect until the board takes action on the application for licensure.

(3) No more than one (1) temporary license shall be granted to any applicant. However, in cases of severe hardship, the board may in its discretion, and upon application, issue a second temporary license to an applicant which, if granted, shall remain valid until the results of the next available examination are available to the board. The board may issue a subsequent six (6) month temporary license to applicants who previously had a temporary license who are

upgrading to a higher or different level of licensure from that for which they originally held a temporary license.

(4) The recipient of a temporary license issued under the provisions of this subsection shall work only under the direct supervision of medical laboratory personnel licensed in the state at the medical laboratory technologist level or higher.

(e) The board is authorized to issue a temporary license to out-of state applicants who submit, along with their application for licensure, a notarized copy of both their transcript or diploma and their national boarding certificate. This temporary license is valid for not more than six (6) months from the date it is issued and may only be issued for the purposes of licensing personnel who are otherwise qualified for licensure in this state but need time to have original sources send verification of those qualifications to the board.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.